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Training Briefs

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Your one page guide to hints, tips,
field developments, and more.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

VRS assists people with disabilities to prepare for, obtain or retain employment

Important Facts

- VRS helps individuals with disabilities
- VRS focuses on employment
 - Prepare for – college, job skills
 - Obtain – job search assistance
 - Retain – supported employment
- VRS operates in all 92 Indiana counties
 - 5 Regions
 - 25 Offices
 - 162 Counselors
 - Over 16,000 Hoosiers with disabilities are in the program
- VRS partners with other programs to provide specialty services
 - Blind and Visually Impaired Services
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
 - Brain Injury
 - Transition (high school students)
- The VRS process includes the following:
 - Application
 - Eligibility
 - You must be eligible to receive services
 - Individualized Plan for Employment
 - A signed agreement telling what services will be provided to help you reach your employment goal
 - Employment
 - Competitive and in the community
 - Case Closure
 - After you get a job your case will be closed

Services

Primary Services

1. College, University, or Other Training
2. Self-Employment or SBE
3. Job Placement
4. Supported Employment
5. Maintaining Employment

Primary Services may only occur one at a time; but at least one must be occurring at all times once the Individualized Plan for Employment is developed.

Supplemental Services

- ✓ Assistive Technology
- ✓ Home and Vehicle Modifications
- ✓ Drivers Training
- ✓ Therapies
- ✓ Tutors, Note takers, personal aides
- ✓ Hearing aids, visual aids, prosthetic limbs, etc
- ✓ And More...

Supplemental Services may occur in any combination with the Primary Services listed above. They are here to help you prepare for, obtain or retain employment.

What do I do next?

If you or someone you know might benefit from Vocational Rehabilitation Services, please give one of our offices a call. The best place to look up the office nearest you is: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2759.htm>

Or call **1-800-545-7763** and ask for Vocational Rehabilitation Services.